1	2	3	4	5	6
MMTC Ltd.	12.92	3.83	5.35	0.61	1.781
Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemical Ltd.	5.00	0.49	3.98	6.95	9.88
National Fertilizers Ltd.	0.51	0.00	0	0.07	0
Paharpur Cooling Tower Ltd.	10.60	0.00	0	0	0
Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.	4.74	8.01	29.17	49.22	107.36
Rillies India Ltd.	5.13	4.95	0	2.04	0.21
Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.	42.77	33.58	48.29	82.7	110.46
Sriram Fertilizers & Chemicals	60.25	55.50	135.92	175.09	304.9
Southern Petrochemicals Industries Corp. Ltd.	31.82	7.31	0.52	0.38	1.89
Tata Chemicals Ltd.	0.00	12.39	58.54	120.21	215.1
Tungbhadra Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd.	0.00	0.00	0	0.65	0.38
Zuari Industries Ltd.	36.93	16.53	25.47	81.47	167.11
TOTAL:	736.58	719.85	1165.18	2097.00	3649.95

Subsidies for Chemical Fertilizers

2763. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how much subsidy is being given for Chemical Fertilizers;

(b) whether there is any provision for giving subsidy for organic fertilizers and for products of organic farming; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) During the financial year 2006-07, Rs. 25,952.91 crore has been paid as subsidy for Chemical Fertilizers.

(b) and (c) Organic fertilizers is a subject matter of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation. At present no subsidy is provided by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation on organic fertilizers. However financial assistance is being provided under the National Project on Organic Farming for setting up of organic input production units and also for promotion, training and demonstration on organic fertilizers. Financial assistance is being provided for the following organic production units:—

(i) Fruit/vegetable waste compost units - 25% of the total cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 40.00 lakh per unit.

(ii) Bio-fertilizer production units - 25% of the total cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 20.00 lakh per unit.

(iii) Vermiculture hatcheries - 25% of the total cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.50 lakh per unit.

The assistance to production unit is being provided as credit linked and back ended subsidy through NABARD/NCDC.

Prices of Essential Drugs

2764. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that prices of essential drugs are not affordable even by middle class;

(b) whether Government are taking any steps to make drug prices affordable by the poor;

(c) if so, whether target date has been fixed for domestic pharma industry for reducing drug prices; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The Drug Policy as announced from time to time is directed towards making available quality drugs at reasonable prices to the poor. The 74 bulk drugs specified in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 95) and the formulations based thereon are under price control and their prices are fixed/revised by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO, 95. These drugs have been kept under price control on the basis of criteria mentioned in Modifications in Drug Policy, 1966, announced in September, 1994. The price fixation/ revision of the Scheduled Drugs and formulations is a continuous process under DPCO, 95. In case of any violation of the price fixed by NPPA, action for recovery of overcharging amount is taken by NPPA. Hence, prices of medicines under price control have been effectively controlled and kept low.